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Inventor(s) SHERMAN, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/544,108

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: April 6, 2000

Examiner: WortmanT.

Title: COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF TREATING HEPATITIS C

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

B | 7. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising a pharmaceutical dosage unit of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier containing an immune system-potentiating amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of thymosin and immune system-potentiating fragments of thymosin in combination with an anti-hepatitis C viral effective amount of at least one α -interferon, said pharmaceutical dosage unit being capable of promoting *in vivo* inactivation of hepatitis C virus when administered to mammals infected with said virus.

B2 10. (Twice Amended) The [method] composition of claim 7, wherein said α -interferon is interferon α -2b.

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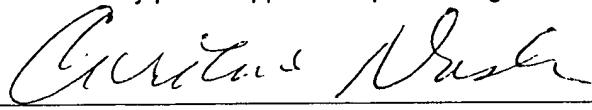
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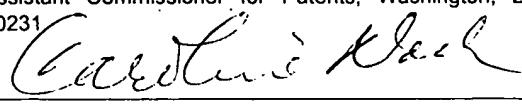
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